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In re Application of :  
Stephen Y.F. Pang :  
Application No. 09/353,537 : ON PETITION  
Filed: July 14, 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No. 19009-000420 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 10, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed July 31, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 1, 2002.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, the request for extension of time filed with the instant petition is unnecessary and no fee has been charged.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2186.

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